

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING *WEDNESDAY*, MAY 6, 2026
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
APPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Borkovich, Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Saez, Teceno, Welch, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathie Crew, concerns on speeding on 205th avenue. Board suggested a speed study as it is out of the Township's control, but that may not always work in favor of those requesting.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Public Safety Revenue Sharing
2. Fall Clean up Date
3. Health Plan Change.
4. Renewal of Dental/Vision
5. 205th Road Quote

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:
2. March Financial Report:
3. Sheriff's Report:
4. Cemetery and Grounds Report:
5. Sewer Department Report:
6. Water Department Report:
7. Building Department Report:
8. Fire Department Update:

A motion to approve of the consent agenda was made by Saez. Supported by Everett. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. City Property Annexation Discussion: A motion was made by Bechaz to have Bill Fahey come explain the can/can't do's with the annexation for a two-hour discussion. Supported by Everett. Motion passed 5-2. Borkovich, Marek no.
2. Parking lot Sealcoating: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of the quote from B&E in the amount of \$6,275 for sealcoating the parking lot. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.
3. CH Flats Discussion: A motion was made by Marek to approve of the counter offer as presented. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assessor Discussion: Discussion on updating the assessor/trespassing policy per legal counsel.
2. Sewer Lift Station Discussion: Waiting to meet with City to discuss questions on some of the prices. To revisit in June.
3. Big Rapids Regional Chamber Collaborator: Saez to invite new Director to June meeting.
4. Public Safety Revenue Sharing: BRT was awarded \$21,757 for average violent crime counts. 75% must go to a law enforcement agency. Borkovich to reach out to Sheriff and discuss how the department could utilize funds.
5. Fall Clean up Date: September 19th set for the Fall Clean up Date, at the Industrial Park from 9-12.
6. Health Plan Change: Discussion on Clerk/Treasurer changing health plan to save money for Township and employees. A motion was made by Saez to approve of the Clerk and Treasurer changing the health plan to save money at their discretion not to exceed the renewal of the current plan at \$74,057.52 for two families. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
7. Renewal of Dental/Vision: A motion was made by Saez to approve of the Dental and Vision renewal at \$370/month for two families. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
8. 205th Road Quote: Teceno presented a quote to have the first portion of 205th paved between 13 Mile and 14 Mile for \$205,960. This would be the initial phase for prep, and the paving portion would be a similar cost next year. The cost is higher than anticipated because they need workers. Current budget has \$189,000 left in roads. Budget to be checked, amendment to be brought to the next meeting for final discussion.

Financial

1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$37,797.01. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$113,797.01. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:54pm

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